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NEW HOSPITALS OPENED RURAL MEDICAL SERVICES IMPROVED

A new 200-bed building has been completed at the First Tbilisi City Hospital, the largest hospital in the Georgian SSR.

A new hospital for contagious diseases has been put into operation in Gomel. The best doctors of the city have been assigned to it.

The first sanatorium for the treatment of diseases of the digestive tract has been opened in Mardakyany near Baku.

Medical service in distant outposts of Yakutsk SSR is improving. This year, medical sections have begun operation in Tyunyukskiy and in Myurba Rayon. A 50-bed inter-rayon tuberculosis sanatorium is under construction in Myurba and a 10-bed tuberculosis hospital will be opened shortly.

Monthly courses for public health organizers are being conducted at the local medical institute of the Ministry of Public Health Kirgiz SSR. Twenty-five dectors completed the full 200-hour course.

The first Kurgan Oblast conference of sanitation doctors, epidemiologists, microbiologists, and specialists in infectious diseases met in Kurgan. While there were not over ten state sanitation inspectors and epidemiologists in the oblast in 1946, there are now approximately 80.

By degree of the Ministry of the Petroleum Industry and the Ministry of Public Realth USSR, more than 40 medicosanitation groups including polyclinics, dispensaries, consultations, hospitals, and nurseries, will be set up in 1949-1950 at petroleum enterprises of the "Povolzh'ya," Krasmodar Kray, Central Asia, and Groznyy Rayon.

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This year 12 rural hospitals and 32 uterological points will be put into operation in Chernigov Oblast. A 60-bed maternity home and a hospital specializing in physiotherapeutics will be opened in Chernigov.

The workers of Vorshilovgrad Oblast have pledged to complete the plan for expanding the network of medical institutions by 1 October, 1.e., to open 12 new hospitals, 14 uterological points, 30 health points at enterprises, 29 kolkhoz maternity homes, and a new polyclinic, hospital, and 6 dispensaries to serve enterprises.

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